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Dear Herman:

I'm afraid you are finding out what terrible correspondents we are. We have been terribly busy lately and do not always succeed in keeping up. But don't think that your messages are falling on deaf ears.

Of course I am very much further from Szilard than you are but I just can't believe that he would want us to spend any time in organizing the kind of "recognition" that you are writing about. Of course I will cooperate in any way.

Stanford does not give out honorary degrees. You once mentioned the American Philosophical Society but I am not a member myself and therefore doubt I can do anything there.

About Salk, it seems to me that if enough good people like yourself do join together that you will yourselves be setting the tone and direction of the research institute. If you can believe this and trust yourself then certainly it would be a good idea. For my own part I think it is splendid that there will be so much additional activity out on the west coast.

Esther and I will be in London for the Society of General Microbiology for the middle part of April. She will be in touch with you herself either as a postscript or in a separate letter.

Our best wishes as ever,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg